

administration functions, and there is also 41,000 for specialized contractual services that would include such things as franchise assistance, match marketing assistance, entrepreneur identification and training, and operational support for field services, which would include such things as travel, communications, and so on. The second year would include money to open other sites as Senator Morehead's amendment called for earlier in the bill. Those would be in southeast, south central, and northeast Nebraska. With that explanation, I would urge your adoption of the A bill. Thank you.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Thank you. Amendment on the desk.

CLERK: Mr. President, I have an amendment from Senators Johnson, Rod Johnson, Ashford, Rogers, Conway, Dierks, Baack, Pappas. (See page 2154 of the Legislative Journal.)

SPEAKER BARRETT: Who will be handling the amendment? Senator Rod Johnson, please.

SENATOR R. JOHNSON: Mr. President, members, the amendment I bring to you is the amendment to place additional revenue into the University of Nebraska's Cooperative Extension Service Program, 715, better known as the "Managing Main Street Business" program that has been started by the Extension Service, has been utilized by many of our small communities. In fact, in talking with Mr. Lucas this morning, he indicated there is a waiting list of some 32 communities attempting to utilize the functions and programs being offered by the management program for small businesses. I think it goes hand in hand with the attempts that we have been making in economic development, particularly it is ironic that this amendment come up today, at a time at which we just discussed LB 270 and assisting our small businesses to expand. In this particular program, we are working with small businesses. It had some great success, particularly in Polk County where communities such as Stromsburg and Osceola have gone through the program. I know there is a program currently going on in Aurora, Nebraska. This is a program of six seminars held for six weeks, three hours long, helping instruct small business leaders in the community and families that are interested in bringing about industry into those small communities to work with people, to locate markets, to find the necessary financing, and I think it is money that we have invested very wisely in our state, and as I said, I think it goes hand in hand with many of the initiatives that we are